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13 organizations to receive CARES Act funding to address pandemic food insecurity in Nevada

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The [Nevada Department of Agriculture](#) (NDA) announced 13 organizations will be awarded Community Food Response relief funding through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. Under the CARES Act funding provided to Nevada, the NDA requested \$2.88 million specifically for Community Food Response projects that address food insecurity and the challenges of providing food and nutrition assistance safely during the pandemic. The top scoring applications meeting the project [criteria](#) were funded.

"This was an incredibly competitive funding application process with 48 organizations requesting a total of \$11.5 million to address pandemic food insecurity, which demonstrates the need in our communities," NDA Director Jennifer Ott said. "We are pleased to support innovative projects throughout the state that will serve Nevada's urban and rural populations."

Project applications selected were those that use innovative distribution models, complement existing food assistance resources, promote safe food assistance during the pandemic, provide food to underserved and/or vulnerable populations, and develop ongoing partnerships. Selected projects include the Culinary Academy of Las Vegas, who will partner with the Just One Project to deliver up to 3,000 bags of nutritious food each week to families in need. Washoe County will purchase five delivery trucks equipped with hot and cold storage capacity to support safe home delivery of food to Washoe County seniors, providing an additional 8,800 meals each week.

Funded projects

The full project descriptions can be found [here](#) and include:

- Boys & Girls Club of Truckee Meadows
- Boys & Girls Club of Western Nevada
- Carson Valley Community Food Closet
- Catholic Charities of Northern Nevada
- Community Services Agency
- Culinary Academy of Las Vegas
- Helping Hands of Vegas Valley
- Ron Wood Family Resource Center
- Fallon Food Hub
- Mineral County Senior Services
- Northern Nevada Dream Center
- Washoe County Human Services Agency
- UNLV Food Pantry

About the Nevada Department of Agriculture

The [Nevada Department of Agriculture](#) (NDA) mission is to preserve, protect and promote Nevada's agriculture. The department has 150 dedicated employees providing services in its five divisions, Administration, Animal Industry, Consumer Equitability, Food and Nutrition, and Plant Industry. The department's \$232 million budget facilitates regulatory and administrative work in agriculture and food manufacturing industries, protecting public and environmental health and worker safety, and providing food distribution and oversight for the United States Department of Agriculture's school and community nutrition programs.

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- [Awarded Project Descriptions](#)
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